

Persian Gulf War Operation Desert Storm 1990-1991



The Persian Gulf War

(Aug. 2, 1990–April 6, 1991)

1990 Iraq invades its tiny neighbor, Kuwait, after talks break down over oil production and debt repayment. Iraqi president Saddam Hussein later annexes Kuwait and declares it a 19th province of Iraq (Aug. 2). President Bush believes that Iraq intends to invade Saudi Arabia and take control of the region's oil supplies. He begins organizing a multinational coalition to seek Kuwait's freedom and restoration of its legitimate government. The UN Security Council authorizes economic sanctions against Iraq. Bush orders U.S. troops to protect Saudi Arabia at the Saudis' request and "Operation Desert Shield" begins (Aug. 6). 230,000 American troops arrive in Saudi Arabia to take defensive action, but when Iraq continues a huge military buildup in Kuwait, the President orders an additional 200,000 troops deployed to prepare for a possible offensive action by the U.S.-led coalition forces. He subsequently obtains a UN Security Council resolution setting a Jan. 15, 1991 deadline for Iraq to withdraw unconditionally from Kuwait (Nov. 8).

1991 Bush wins congressional approval for his position with the most devastating air assault in history against military targets in Iraq and Kuwait (Jan. 16). He rejects a Soviet-Iraq peace plan for a gradual withdrawal that does not comply with all the UN resolutions and gives Iraq an ultimatum to withdraw from Kuwait by noon Feb. 23 (Feb. 22). The president orders the ground war to begin (Feb. 24). In a brilliant and lightningfast campaign, U.S. and coalition forces smash through Iraq's defenses and defeat Saddam Hussein's troops in only four days of combat. Allies enter Kuwait City (Feb. 26). Iraqi army sets fire to over 500 of Kuwait's oil wells as final act of destruction to Kuwait's infrastructure. Bush orders a unilateral ceasefire 100 hours after the ground offensive started (Feb. 27). Allied and Iraqi military leaders meet on battlefield to discuss terms for a formal ceasefire to end the Gulf War. Iraq agrees to abide by all of the UN resolutions (Mar. 3). The first Allied prisoners of war are released (Mar. 4). Official ceasefire accepted and signed (April 6). 532,000 U.S. forces served in Operation Desert Storm. There were a total of 148 U.S. battle deaths during the Gulf War, 145 nonbattle deaths, and 467 wounded in action.

WASATCH COUNTY VETERANS LIST
PERSIAN GULF WAR/OPERATION DESERT STORM

16th January 1991 - 28th February 1991

2 AUGUST 1990 SADDAM HUSSEIN'S IRAN ARMY MARCHED INTO KUWAIT.
BY 16 JAN 1991, USA RESPONDED, TO DEFEND THIS BUDDING REBUBLIC,

AND REGAIN IT'S INDEPENDENCE.

THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY 28 FEBURARY 1991

Allbee, Robert D.
Baum, Brent W.
Buhler, Jared Roland
Bundy, Fred R.
Cannon, Kevin Van
Daugaard, Eric F.
Davis, Brent
DeMass, James
Duke, Dean Woodrow
Duke, Earl Lawrence
Gurule, Ned William
Haskell, Steven W.
Henning, Mark
Hill, Stanley D.
Ivie, Richard
*Kamm, Jonathan
Lemon, John F.
Lopez, Arthur J.
Mills, Steven Brett
North, Anthony James
Patch, Douglas

Killed In Action

*Kamm, Jonathan